the interval between the dissolution of one Assembly and the meeting of the next Assembly, he should be the means of representing to Government the wants of the people as they may be communicated to him. And when the members meet here during Dasara, he should be their Secretary. If this arrangement be ordered, there will be little left for the people to desire.

Dewan's reply.—The Government cannot appoint one to be Honorary Secretary to the members of the Dasara Representative Assembly. But if the Assembly would nominate one, Government would recognize him.

Subject No. 316.

Peshkars are wanted for large Taluks like Krishnarajapete more than Tank Inspectors.

Summary of discussion.—The Krishnarajapete Taluk is a large Taluk, and the Amildar has a great variety of duties to perform which take him out on frequent circuits so that he does not stay more than three months in a year at Head-quarters. Parties are put to great inconvenience in going to out-stations for their cases. The Sheristadar should therefore have 3rd Class Magisterial powers and Registration work. The Tank Inspectors recently appointed are of little use. A Peshkar instead would be more useful and cost little more.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 317.

Exemption of Shetti Yejmans from Mohatarfa tax.

Summary of discussion.—The Shetti Yejmans of the Fort and the Petta at Krishnarajapete are influential and respected members of the community. When the Town was founded under the orders of his late Highness the Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadayar, they were invited to take up their residence here, and be headmen of the trading community. They were treated with every consideration by His late Highness, and have been useful to the Sarkar in giving effect to their orders. They were exempted from all Mohatarfa taxes till recently. But as the imposition of house and shop taxes on them is against their *àbru*, and the amount involved is small (being Rs. 4 or 6), it is prayed that the former exemptions may be continued.

Dewan's reply.—They continue to be exempted in villages. But no exemptions are permitted within Municipalities. By paying Municipal taxes they only contribute to their own local wants and works.

Subject No. 318.

Kukarhalli Tank in Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Kukarhalli Tank should be supplied with water from the Cauvery river drawn at some point on the river sufficiently high to command the levels. It is understood that some point near the Saligram Anikat will furnish a suitable site for the necessary works.

Colonel Bowen.—The levels give a fall of $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet per mile dropping to six feet above the Kukarhalli Tank kodi level. The channel will be about 60 miles long.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya (Representative from the Rate-Payers' Association, Mysore) submitted that other alternative

measures for increasing the store of water in the Kukarhalli and Karanji Tanks by deepening the tanks or heightening the bunds should be devised. The water of these tanks when fresh is muddy. Arrangements should be made to filter the water before it is available for being drawn at the fountains. Pending such arrangements it will be worthwhile pumping up water from the rear tanks into the supply channels as used to be done when the tank was low. The cost will not be much, but the gain great. The muddy water is the cause of fevers, coughs and colds and sundry other ailments.

Dewan's reply.—The project for bringing Cauvery water to supply the Kukarhalli Tank is engaging the attention of Government. But the cost will be very heavy, about 40 lakhs of Rupees! The other suggestions will be also duly considered.

Subject No. 319.
Reservation of certain jungles in Mysore District for Railway fuel.

Summary of discussion.—It is learnt that the jungles of Jinhalli, Hampapur and Naganapur have been reserved for Railway fuel. As this will greatly interfere with the supply of firewood to the inhabitants of Mysore, it is urged that these jungles may not be so reserved.

Mr. Ricketts.—They have not yet been reserved. There is a proposal to that effect. But the proposal has not yet been accepted.

Dewan's reply.—We will not reserve them in the manner complained of for the contractor of Railway fuel.

Subject No. 320.
A standing committee required for Mysore Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There should always be a standing committee for the Mysore City Municipality. The Vice-President and the President of the Municipal Board frequently change and there is a want of continuity in policy and procedure. Work often begun by one officer, remaining unfinished when he leaves continues to remain unfinished in various parts of the City. Information is often not procurable. Houses once bought from Municipal Funds for some public improvement, continue to be in the occupation of the persons from whom they were bought. The appointment and continued existence of a standing committee of the Board would obviate all this. But if we have a permanent Vice-President, no standing committee would be necessary.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion will be considered.

Subject No. 321.
Re-distribution of roadside chattrams.

Summary of discussion.—The advent of the Railway system in Mysore has changed conditions considerably. Chattrams which were once useful for travellers by being situated on a high road are now useless, because that high road has been superseded by the Railway. But the institutions continue and no one except the servants borne on the establishment and such other local residents as may be fed there are benefited. Of this the chattrams on the road from Mysore to Bangalore are examples. It is therefore suggested that the